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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Personnel Officer

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT : Extension of Contract Pilot Personnel

1. As a follow-up on our discussion in the Administrative Staff meeting yesterday, I mentioned to Colonel Geary in a phone call this morning the question of obtaining Air Force approval for the extension of contracts on certain of our contract pilot personnel. You will recall that the original agreement entered into by the Agency with the Air Force called for the services of certain pilot officer personnel for a period not to exceed two years.

2. I suggested that perhaps Colonel Geary would wish to receive a formal written request from us for approval to invite some of these pilots to extend for another year, but he indicated that he did not believe a formal letter from us was required to effect the necessary approval.

3. He stated that he would review the terms of the agreement and would then attempt to obtain General O'Donnell's verbal approval. General O'Donnell is Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

4. In the same conversation Colonel Geary told me that he felt our best course would be to terminate the entire group of original contracts effective 1 January and to write a single new contract for all pilots even at a lesser figure than the original document contained. I told him that we favored this course of action and felt that the incentive for cancellation of the original document might well lie in the payment of a contract settlement figure, in this instance three months operational pay (\$4500.00) in return for a contract at a lesser figure for a longer period of time. However, since the contracts of most of the Detachment A pilots expire in January of 1958 anyway, I believe that we may be better advised to move the date of the new contract for all personnel up to 1 November in order to avoid the question of offering a bonus to pilots at Detachment A which would have the effect of being a benefit that would extend beyond the life of the contract. Please let me have your reaction to this.

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